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Agriculture

NOLA: MLNH 010129
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
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Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:47

Mobile Slaughterhouse Helps Wash. State Farmers Meet Demand for Local Food:
With the popularity of local food on the rise, Washington state farmer Cheryl Ouellette raises pigs to meet the demand. However, small farmers often can't process their own meat. A mobile slaughterhouse program brings a USDA-licensed facility to farms to benefit farmers, animals and "locavores." Sabrina Register of KCTS.

NOLA: NETK 000167
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/19/2011 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This week on Need to Know, we take a look at the urban farming movement, which has been reviving communities and supplying fresh, local produce to nearby residents. We examine how the movement has taken hold in Detroit and what challenges it faces there.

Also: We examine the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau and visit one family that was allegedly taken in by a predatory lender. Author Jeff Madrick also speaks with us to discuss the consumer protections enacted by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Veteran war photographer Ron Haviv also documents the environmental destruction illegal gold mining has caused in the Peruvian Amazon.

And: The Microsoft Kinect has revolutionized video games, but what else could it be used for? We explore how hackers have re-purposed Kinect's "gesture technology" to potentially change the way we live.

American History/Biography

NOLA: HIDE 000903
Series Title: History Detectives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/5/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

John Brown Pike: Our contributor bought a spear, or pike, from an antique shop in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. He knows abolitionist John Brown lived near Chagrin Falls and wonders if rebels used this blade in John Brown's famous raid at Harpers Ferry, VA. In October 16, 1859, John Brown and 18 men attacked the federal armory in Harpers Ferry. Brown wanted to secure weapons for a future slave rebellion. Instead, thirteen raiders were killed; John Brown was captured and hanged. To find out whether rebels used this pike in that raid, History Detectives follows the trail to the blacksmith who forged the weapon over 150 years ago, and walks the ground at Harpers Ferry where the battle took place.

Siberian Bullet: Rummaging through a box of shells and bullets at a Colorado gun show, a History Detectives fan discovered a World War I vintage cartridge with a curious etching: Leo V. Thompson, CO E 31st Inf., A.E.F. Siberia. The wording makes him wonder if American troops were in Siberia, Russia during WWI. Inside the casing we find a small blade that looks like a letter opener. Nearly 40 years after he paid one dollar for the bullet, our contributor still wonders about Leo V. Thompson.

Ronald McDonald Costume: Have we found the original costume that launched Ronald McDonald? The label credits a well-known costume designer, and the costume looks similar to the suit we see in an early Ronald McDonald commercial: the yellow balloon coverall, red and white striped shirt and long stockings, and red oversized shoes. But there are also some curious differences. History Detectives consults with a food and social historian, meets McDonald's first Chief Marketing Officer, and finally speaks with the widow of one of the first Ronald McDonald clowns.

NOLA: HIDE 000906
Series Title: History Detectives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/26/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Can the Japanese characters carved into this cane unlock the mystery of a family's past in a World War II relocation camp? Can HISTORY DETECTIVES trace this unusual wooden telescope to its Revolution era ancestor? And is this drawing of huge, eight pound gold nuggets genuine or another example of Gold Rush hype?

NOLA: FRON 002918
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Top Secret America
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/6/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In the years after September 11, FRONTLINE produced more than 45 hours of award-winning films documenting the 9/11 attacks and America's response to them. Now, on the tenth anniversary of September 11, the FRONTLINE team that produced "Bush's War," "The Torture Question" and "Cheney's Law" teams up with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Dana Priest to investigate the dramatic changes that have reshaped America in the last decade. Over one hour, the film examines the history of the dark side of America's "war on terror." From the creation of black site prisons abroad and super-secret facilities here in America, to targeted killings and covert wars waged by special forces, to a multibillion-dollar terrorism industrial complex, FRONTLINE and Dana Priest ask how a decade of fighting terrorism has reshaped the country and whether it has made us any safer.

Arts

NOLA: MLNH 010132
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/15/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:26

Cate Blanchett on Reviving Theater Classic 'Uncle Vanya' for Modern Stage: Australian actors Cate Blanchett and Richard Roxburgh have brought the Anton Chekhov classic "Uncle Vanya" back to the stage, playing now at Washington's Kennedy Center. Jeffrey Brown speaks with the actors about the challenges of staging the play for a modern audience and why so many Australians seem to be acting these days.

NOLA: HIDE 000909
Series Title: History Detectives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/6/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Loyalist or patriot? What can the notes in a 1775 Almanac tell us about how the revolution may have strained family ties? Do these phonograph records called "Get Thin to Music" reveal Jack Lalanne, the media exercise guru of the 1920s? Did NASA unwittingly transport Andy Warhol's art to the moon (repeat segment)?

Business/Industry

NOLA: MLNH 010101
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/1/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:16

Protecting Its Fannie: How Mortgage Giant Primed the Bubble, Covered Its Assets: As part of his Making Sense series, Paul Solman reports on the new book, "Reckless Endangerment," which argues that for the past 20 years, Fannie Mae, a government-sponsored enterprise that increases money for homeownership, pursued profits for itself and bought risky loans that inflated a housing bubble that eventually burst.

NOLA: MLNH 010123
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/2/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:33

Utah's Health Insurance Experiment Built Around Small Businesses: Under the federal health care reform law, all states will be required to set up a health insurance exchange starting in 2014. Betty Ann Bowser reports on one state that is ahead of the game, and how the new system is helping small businesses.

Community Politics, Government

NOLA: MLNH 010101
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/1/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:13:02

Shields, Gerson on Bachmann, Parties' Willingness to Budge on Spending, Taxes: Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and Washington Post columnist Michael Gerson dissect the week's top political news, including President Obama's rebuke of Congress for the stalled debt-ceiling talks, what created the housing bubble and Rep. Michele Bachmann's formal foray into the 2012 presidential race.

NOLA: MLNH 010103
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/5/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:01

Raze the Roof: Cleveland Levels Vacant Homes to Revive Neighborhoods:
Business correspondent Paul Solman reports from Cleveland on the economically troubled Ohio city's efforts to tear down thousands of empty foreclosed homes in hopes of putting eyesore and dangerous properties back to productive use--perhaps as community gardens, new businesses or even a vineyard.

NOLA: NETK 000160
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/1/2011 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

As police and protesters clash in Athens this week amid tear gas and fire bombs, it's clear that Greece's economic crisis is not yet over. This week on Need to Know, we speak with former IMF chief economist Simon Johnson about the ripple effect of Greece's debt problems, and how economic turmoil in Europe can affect the U.S. and the rest of the world.

Also: As congressional districts are being redrawn, we look at California's radical new approach to statewide redistricting. We also speak with New York Times journalists David Carr and Brian Stelter, who appear in the new documentary "Page One: Inside the New York Times."

And: Editorial cartoonist Steve Brodner comments on the federal government's inability to agree on a deficit deal, and we reprise our popular segment on the rehabilitation of the dogs from Michael Vick's fighting ring.

Consumerism

NOLA: MLNH 010124
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/3/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:08

From Netflix to Hulu, Streaming Video Businesses Gaining Ground: What have you been watching on your computer lately? More and more Americans are checking out movies and television program online. Hari Sreenivasan discusses the recent push toward more streaming content with GershonMedia's Bernard Gershon.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

NOLA: MLNH 010104
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/6/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:07:54

Legendary Pitcher Clemens Faces Opening Day of Perjury Trial: Jury selection began Wednesday in the federal perjury trial of former pitching star Roger Clemens. The record-setting major leaguer was charged with lying to Congress about the use of steroids and human growth hormones. Ray Suarez discusses the charges and what to expect in the trial with Sports Illustrated's David Epstein.

NOLA: AMDO 002410
Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Better This World
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 9/11/2011 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The story of Bradley Crowder and David McKay, who were accused of intending to firebomb the 2008 Republican National Convention, is a dramatic tale of idealism, loyalty, crime and betrayal. Better This World follows the radicalization of these boyhood friends from Midland, Texas, under the tutelage of revolutionary activist Brandon Darby. The results: eight homemade bombs, multiple domestic terrorism charges and a high-stakes entrapment defense hinging on the actions of a controversial FBI informant. Better This World goes to the heart of the war on terror and its impact on civil liberties and political dissent in post-9/11 America.

Culture

NOLA: AMDO 002403
Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Sweetgrass
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 7/10/2011 10:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Sweetgrass presents a riveting and poetic portrait of the American West just as one of its traditional ways of life dies out. Shot amidst the grandeur of Montana's Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, the film follows the last modern-day cowboys to lead their flocks of sheep up into the breathtaking and often dangerous mountains for summer pasture. Magnificently photographed and unsparingly candid, Sweetgrass discovers a world of harsh beauty and arduous labor, where humans still work in rugged intimacy with nature.

NOLA: HIDE 000907
Series Title: History Detectives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/23/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In this episode, the images and the words on this poster suggest a battle is brewing: a clenched fist, police described as "pigs." Who made this poster and why? Then, was this woodcarving of a mouth and chin once part of the Andrew Jackson figurehead affixed to the bow of the USS Constitution? And, how does this basket connect us to a woman Congress honored as a heroine of the Modoc Indian Wars?

NOLA: NETK 000168
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/26/2011 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Thousands of wild horses roam western states in the U.S. This week on Need to Know, we explore the controversial removal of horses from the wild by the Bureau of Land Management.

We also delve into the controversial process involved with implementing changes to textbooks in the Texas school system. We revisit the Texas State Board of Education's battle over these changes last year amid criticisms that they were injecting religious and political beliefs into school curricula.

Also: We take a rare look into the Somalia of the past, when Mogadishu was once a thriving city. How did it become the failed state that it is today?

And: With Hurricane Irene threatening the East Coast, what's the link, if any, between weather and climate change? We also interview New York Times food writer Mark Bittman on the politics of food in the U.S.

Economy

NOLA: WWIR 005101
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/1/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

What will the global economic implications be if Congress does not raise the nation's \$14.3 trillion debt limit? Also, Bachmann launched her presidential campaign. Plus, SCOTUS' ruling on the sale of violent video games to children. Joining Pete Williams: David Wessel of The Wall Street Journal; Major Garrett of National Journal; Jeff Zeleny of The New York Times; and Joan Biskupic of USA Today.

NOLA: WWIR 005109
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/26/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Libyan rebels seized Tripoli, invaded Col. Moammar Gadhafi's compound and he's on the run. What will it take to establish a new government? Also, Rick Perry vaults to the lead for the GOP presidential nomination, and Ben Bernanke assesses the economy. Joining Gwen Ifill: Nancy Youssef, McClathy Newspapers; Doyle McManus, LA Times; Michael Duffy, TIME Magazine; and Jim Tankersley, National Journal.

Education

NOLA: MLNH 010104
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/6/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:07:55

Schoolhouse Shock: Report Finds Widespread Cheating by Atlanta Educators: A new report found that nearly 200 Atlanta school administrators, principals and teachers cheated to raise student test scores for as long as a decade. Gwen Ifill discusses the report's findings, and the problem that has surfaced in school districts across the country with The Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Heather Vogell.

NOLA: AMDO 002405
Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Biblioburro, The Donkey Library
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/24/2011 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Biblioburro is the story of a librarian-and a library-like no other. A decade ago, Colombian grade-school teacher Luis Soriano was inspired to spend his weekends bringing a modest collection of precious books, via two hard-working donkeys, to the children of Magdalena Province's poor and violence-ridden interior. As Soriano braves armed bands, drug traffickers, snakes and heat, his library on hooves carries an inspirational message about education and a better future for Colombia. His simple yet extraordinary effort has attracted worldwide attention-and imitators-but his story has never been better told than in this heartwarming yet unsentimental film.

Employment

NOLA: MLNH 010106
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/8/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:10:29

Dismal Unemployment Report Suggests Recovery May Be Stalling: The U.S. unemployment rate rose to 9.2 percent in June as employers added the fewest jobs in nine months. Jeffrey Brown discusses the grim jobs reading and the stubbornly high employment gap between black and white Americans with Pomona College's Cecilia Conrad and Mesirow Financial's Diane Swonk.

NOLA: WWIR 005102
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/8/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Discouraging June unemployment numbers help to frame the contentious debt ceiling negotiations. A look at GOP presidential hopefuls and their fundraising, and the White House changes course on acknowledging suicides in the military. Joining Gwen: Alexis Simendinger, RealClearPolitics.com; Jeanne Cummings, Bloomberg News; Greg Ip, The Economist; and Yochi Dreazen, National Journal.

NOLA: WWIR 005108
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/19/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Perry is in the race, Pawlenty is out and Bachmann won the straw poll. The GOP candidates continue to blame Obama for the sluggish economic recovery. Also, President Obama plans to announce a jobs program. John Dickerson guest hosts with: Jeff Zeleny, New York Times; Karen Tumulty, Washington Post; Alexis Simendinger, RealClearPolitics.com, David Wessel, Wall Street Journal.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

NOLA: NETK 000162
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/15/2011 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Could a disaster like the one at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi power plant happen in California? This week on Need to Know, we team up with the Center for Investigative Reporting and Capital Public Radio to investigate if one California nuclear power plant, which lies near two fault lines, would be able to withstand a severe earthquake that seismologists believe may be possible.

Also: Whatever happened to the "zero population growth" movement? On the heels of World Population Day this week, we look back at the fear of overpopulation during the 1960s and 1970s, and speak with two reporters to find out what challenges lie ahead for population control.
And: Feminist icon Gloria Steinem speaks to us about how far the women's movement has come

Family/Marriage

NOLA: ABML 000104
Series Title: Abraham and Mary Lincoln, A House Divided: American Experience
Episode Title: Part IV: The Dearest of All Things
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/18/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Elected president only to see the nation fracture in two, Lincoln led a confused and frightened people through the most terrible war in their history. At the same time, his own household mirrored the fissures that split the nation: the great emancipator was married to the daughter of a slave owner from Kentucky. Mary Todd Lincoln was an aristocratic southerner who met Lincoln when he was still a backwoods politician lacking in experience and sophistication. Although she remained fiercely loyal to her husband and the Union cause, two of her brothers fought for the South. Their marriage was long and turbulent, and knew many trials, including the loss of two children. Abraham and Mary Lincoln: A House Divided weaves together the lives of the two Lincolns, drawing us into their long-vanished world.

NOLA: AMDO 002408
Series Title: POV
Episode Title: POV Short Cuts
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/28/2011 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Since 2003, StoryCorps has been recording and preserving the voices of everyday people, one conversation at a time. For the past five years, the producers have shared one of these stories each week on NPR. Following the success of its first season on television in 2010, StoryCorps will bring its Peabody Award-winning storytelling back to POV for a second season in 2011.

Animated and directed by The Rauch Brothers, the shorts use StoryCorps' original recordings, capturing the intimate and emotionally resonant conversations that have become renowned as NPR's quintessential "driveway moments." This second edition of animated shorts will take viewers on a journey through America with stories about an indomitable Sunday school teacher, a strong-willed grandmother and a husband's love and loss on Sept. 11, 2001.

Health/Health Care

NOLA: MLNH 010102
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/4/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:05:38

Chefs Cook Up Ideas for Healthy School Lunches: A pair of chefs has stepped out of their kitchens and into school cafeterias to lend their services in hopes of crafting healthier menus for school lunches. Betty Ann Bowser has this encore report.

NOLA: NETK 000161
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/8/2011 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This week, guest host Maria Hinojosa fills in for Alison Stewart. On this week's episode, our ongoing collaboration with VII Photo Agency presents a portrait of one remarkable symphony orchestra that's thriving in Congo's capital city, Kinshasa. Through the devastation of war and violence that Congo has undergone throughout the years, photojournalist Marcus Bleasdale discovers how people can flourish even in the midst of tragedy.

Also, we look at a special program at OSHA that allows certain work sites with solid health and safety records to become exempt from regular inspections. The Center for Public Integrity and iWatch News found that, over the last decade, there were at least 80 fatalities at dozens of VPP sites, but the majority remain in the program.

And: We look at the historic election in South Sudan and tell the story of Salva Dut, a Sudanese "lost boy" who returned to Sudan to help bring clean water to his hometown.

Legal analyst Jami Floyd also returns to discuss the lessons learned from the Dominique Strauss-Kahn case.

NOLA: FRON 002917
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: The Pot Republic
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/26/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

FRONTLINE's primetime monthly newsmagazine returns with three new stories, leading with a timely report from the frontlines of marijuana legalization in California. The bulk of the marijuana consumed in the United States used to come across the border from Mexico, Canada, and elsewhere. Now, more than half of it is believed to be home grown in California, where an enormous black market has emerged under the cover of the state's medical marijuana law. With more than a third of all states now experimenting with some form of legalization and decriminalization--and several California counties attempting to openly regulate pot production--FRONTLINE and The Center for Investigative Reporting team up to investigate the country's oldest, largest, and most wide-open marijuana market. Is the federal government now moving to shut it down? Also this hour: New Yorker writer and surgeon Atul Gawande reports on a doctor in Camden, New Jersey, who actually seeks out the community's sickest-and most expensive-patients. Dr. Jeffrey Brenner and his team are pioneering a practice called "hotspotting," in which medical care is focused on the hardest-to-treat to improve their health and dramatically reduce costs.

NOLA: NETK 000169
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/2/2011 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This week on Need to Know, we delve into the story of Camp Lejeune, a Marine base that faced massive water contamination for three decades. Were hazardous chemicals in the water responsible for rare cancers that developed among former Camp Lejeune residents? While no direct link has been proven, many believe it is the case.

Also: We also examine an innovative futures market in Iowa that has proven to be a more accurate predictor of presidential election outcomes than traditional polling. We also report on "crisis mapping," a technology that uses cell phones to locate and bring help to disaster victims.

And: Guest essayist Desiree Cooper offers her opinions on domestic workers and the controversy surrounding the new film "The Help."

Media

NOLA: MLNH 010102
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/4/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:02

Report: Female Journalists Facing More Risks, Intimidation Abroad: A new report sheds light on sexual attacks on journalist working overseas. Margaret Warner discusses the findings with Lauren Wolfe of the Committee to Protect Journalists.

Minorities/Civil Rights

NOLA: HIDE 000904
Series Title: History Detectives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/12/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

African American Comic Book: Our contributor found an unusual 1950's comic book at an auction, titled Negro Romance. This was the Golden Age of comic books, when Americans voraciously consumed stories about superheroes, determined detectives and thrilling romances--yet very few featured African American characters. Did black artists create this comic book? And who was the intended audience?

Lindbergh-Sikorsky Fabric: For over 50 years our contributor has cherished an object he inherited from his late father. It's a piece of fabric in Plexiglas with signatures of Charles Lindbergh and Igor Sikorsky and dated August 1943. His father said the fabric came from the Spirit of St. Louis, the airplane Lindbergh flew non-stop from New York to Paris in 1927. But why would helicopter inventor Igor Sikorsky sign this fabric? Since his father died when he was just a teen, our contributor didn't have a chance to ask more about this souvenir.

Civil War Letters: A couple of stamp enthusiasts found far more than stamps in a box they purchased. In the box, along with Civil War era stamps, we find letters addressed to a William Blackford, Senate Post, Washington, D.C. One letter appears to be from his brother, John Blackford. In the letter John asks for help securing an officer position in an African American unit. A second letter informs William Blackford that his brother, John, has been wounded. Why would John Blackford want to command an African American unit? Did he survive his wounds and did he ever receive the commission?

NOLA: RFKL 000000
Series Title: RFK in the Land of Apartheid: A Ripple of Hope
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/22/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Using never before seen archival footage, and interviews in South Africa and the United States, filmmakers Larry Shore and Tami Gold tell the unknown story of Robert Kennedy's 1966 visit to South Africa during the worst years of Apartheid. The film evokes the connections between the American Civil Rights Movement and the Anti-Apartheid Movement in South Africa. The filmmakers find witness to this special moment in time through the sights and sounds of present day South Africa.

RFK IN THE LAND OF APARTHEID... follows Senator Kennedy to the site of his famous "Ripple of Hope" speech at the University of Cape Town and his encounter with Afrikaans students at Stellenbosch, the pro-Apartheid university.

A high point of the film is Kennedy's meeting with one of the unknown giants of African history - the banned President of the African National Congress, and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Chief Albert Lutuli - living under house arrest in a remote rural area. The film travels with Robert Kennedy to Soweto, South Africa's largest black township, where he meets thousands of people and gives voice to Chief Lutuli's silenced call for a free South Africa.

We witness Kennedy publicly challenging the dominant Cold War ideology that anti-Communism, espoused by repressive regimes like that in South Africa, should be the only factor determining American foreign policy.

With an original sound track by American musician Jason Moran and voices from the University of Cape Town Africa Choir, the film tells an unusual story through the words and actions of an American politician whose legacy continues to advance human rights around the world.

NOLA: TSRE 000201
Series Title: Tavis Smiley Reports
Episode Title: Too Important to Fail
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/19/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This program looks at the status of black teenage boys and examines what it will take to make certain these at-risk males are not dismissed as throw-away kids. The program focuses on the lives of black teenagers who are achieving against enormous odds. Tavis Smiley profiles schools that are tackling the crippling drop-out rate and are turning things around. The program captures how educators are making a difference for these boys --what teaching techniques work and how community outreach and mentorship can compensate for the lack of other personal and social resources.

National Politics/Government

NOLA: WWIR 005103
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/15/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

President Obama predicts economic "Armageddon" if the debt ceiling isn't raised by the Aug 2 deadline. Democrats want tax hikes. Republicans want spending cuts. Gwen Ifill drills down on the facts & fiction surrounding the budget crisis with Michael Duffy, TIME Magazine; Gloria Borger, CNN; John Dickerson, Slate Magazine/CBS News; David Wessel, The Wall Street Journal.

NOLA: NETK 000163
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/22/2011 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This week, the United Nations declared a famine in parts of southern Somalia--the worst famine reported in the region in 20 years. We speak with the United Nations Refugee Agency to discuss how the famine has led to an estimate 4,000 Somalis fleeing the country daily in search of refuge.

We also travel to New Mexico to investigate a the nation's only operating deep geologic nuclear waste disposal site. In the age-old debate over how to store the U.S.'s nuclear waste, could this plant offer a potential solution?

Also: We speak with anthropologist Gabriella Coleman, who has spent time researching the world of hackers like Anonymous and LulzSec.

And: Political reporter Jeff Schapiro sits down with us to discuss congressman Eric Cantor, the Republican who has emerged as a leading opponent of the White House's attempt to broker a deal on the debt ceiling. Historian Richard Brookhiser also joins us to discuss the larger implications of Washington's recent impasse over the deficit.

NOLA: WWIR 005110
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/2/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

As unemployment numbers stay at 9.1%, a very public spat between President Obama and House Speaker Boehner on the timing of an address to Congress. Plus, analysis on the politics & finances of rebuilding after Hurricane Irene. And an update on GOP fundraising. Joining Gwen: Naftali Bendavid, Wall St Journal; Jeanne Cummings, Bloomberg News; Charles Babington, Associated Press; Eamon Javers, CNBC.

Recreation/Leisure/Sports

NOLA: MLNH 010102
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/4/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:10:26

NBA, NFL Labor Disputes May Leave Fans With Little to Cheer: Professional football and basketball are both grappling with major labor disputes that may leave players, and fans, locked out. Judy Woodruff discusses the story with ESPN's Kevin Blackstone and The New York Times' Howard Beck.

NOLA: MLNH 010105
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/7/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:03:36

NFL Great John Mackey's Death Renews Focus on Brain Trauma Worries: Pro Football Hall of Famer and legendary Baltimore Colts tight end John Mackey died Wednesday at age 69 after a struggle with dementia. Ray Suarez looks back at Mackey's work off the field fighting for his fellow players.

NOLA: MLNH 010146
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/2/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:03:02

NCAA College Football Begins Season Amid Scandals: The college football season kicks off this weekend amid swirling controversies over offseason ethics scandals--the most explosive involving the University of Miami and a former booster. Overall, at least 10 major programs have faced investigations or punishment in recent months. Jeffrey Brown reports.

Religion/Ethics

NOLA: AREM 000000
Series Title: America Remembers - 9/11
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 9/11/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Event Coverage
Segment Length: 00:00:00

PBS NEWSHOUR presents this special broadcast commemorating the 10th anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001. The PBS NEWSHOUR team examines the significance of the day in many different communities across the nation. Hari Sreenivasan will narrate an account of the three major memorial observances at Ground Zero in New York City, at the Pentagon near Washington, DC, and in rural Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Jeffrey Brown will speak with several contributors to a new book, Legacy Letters; all have written letters, filled with insights gained in the past 10 years, to the family members they lost when the Twin Towers collapsed in New York. Ray Suarez will explore the attitudes of American Muslims, their efforts to get beyond the deep mistrust caused by 9/11 and their perspectives on what the future looks like for them; the story will be shot in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Judy Woodruff introduces viewers to a generation of young Americans who know only a post-9/11 world and visits a small town in California that has made extraordinary contributions, in terms of young lives lost, to the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Gwen Ifill will explore a decade of war's impact on hundreds of thousands of soldiers and their families and the nation's efforts to care for them.

The broadcast will also include several pieces of a "video quilt" the PBS audience has been invited to help produce, using the PBS NEWSHOUR's social media sites.

Science/Technology

NOLA: MLNH 010104
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/6/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:13:10

Twitter Town Hall Showcases Social Media's Political Potential: In a "Twitter town hall" Wednesday at the White House, people across the country tweeted questions for President Obama to answer. Jeffrey Brown discusses the town hall and how technology is changing politics with techPresident's Andrew Rasiej, The Brookings Institution's Darrell West and The Washington Post's Cecilia Kang.

NOLA: NETK 000165
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/5/2011 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The threat of a cyberattack has been a growing concern to national security experts for some time, amid fears of what might happen if a malicious hacker could take out a power grid or cause the meltdown of a nuclear plant. This week, we delve into the story of Stuxnet, the sophisticated and devastating computer virus that may launch a 21st century global arms race.

We also visit six women undergoing three different clinical trials for breast cancer treatments that may someday lead to breakthroughs in how breast cancer is treated. Journalist Ken Herman also sits down with Alison Stewart to discuss the presidential ambitions of Texas Governor Rick Perry.

And: Author Benjamin Skinner discusses his research exposing modern-day slavery, and Alison Stewart visits New York City's High Line park to see how urban parks help neighborhood economies flourish.

NOLA: NOVA 003811
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Engineering Ground Zero
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/7/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

On the 10th anniversary of 9/11, NOVA presents an epic story of engineering, innovation and the perseverance of the human spirit. With extraordinary access granted by The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, this program follows the five-year construction of One World Trade Center (1 WTC) and the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. NOVA captures the behind-the-scenes struggle of architects and engineers to make the buildings safe and highly secure under the pressures of a tight schedule, the demands of practical office space and efficient, "green" architecture, and the public's expectations of a fitting site for national remembrance. Featuring interviews with 1 WTC architect David Childs; Chris Ward, executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; Mayor Michael Bloomberg, chairman of the 9-11 Memorial Foundation; and Michael Arad, the man behind the breakthrough concept for the 9-11 Memorial.

NOLA: MLNH 010149
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/7/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:05:44

Supernova Burns Bright in a Galaxy Not So Far Away: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory scientists recently discovered a supernova about 21 million light years away in the Pinwheel Galaxy. Jeffrey Brown and Peter Nugent, who found the brightest and closest supernova in decades, discuss how the dying star could prove to be "a real treat" for Northern hemisphere stargazers.

Transportation

NOLA: MLNH 010107
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/11/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:12:44

As Shuttle Retires, What's NASA's New Mission? After 30 years and millions of miles traveled, the 135th and final mission of NASA's space shuttle program blasted off Friday. Ray Suarez discusses the post-shuttle era of space exploration and NASA's future purpose with former astronaut Mae Jemison, former NASA official Eric Sterner and science correspondent Miles O'Brien.

War/Veterans/National Security

NOLA: ABML 000105
Series Title: Abraham and Mary Lincoln, A House Divided: American Experience
Episode Title: Part V: The Frightful War
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/25/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Elected president only to see the nation fracture in two, Lincoln led a confused and frightened people through the most terrible war in their history. At the same time, his own household mirrored the fissures that split the nation: the great emancipator was married to the daughter of a slave owner from Kentucky. Mary Todd Lincoln was an aristocratic southerner who met Lincoln when he was still a backwoods politician lacking in experience and sophistication. Although she remained fiercely loyal to her husband and the Union cause, two of her brothers fought for the South. Their marriage was long and turbulent, and knew many trials, including the loss of two children. Abraham and Mary Lincoln: A House Divided weaves together the lives of the two Lincolns, drawing us into their long-vanished world.

NOLA: AMDO 002409
Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Armadillo
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 9/4/2011 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In 2009, Janus Metz and cameraman Lars Skree accompanied a platoon of Danish soldiers to Armadillo, a combat operations base in southern Afghanistan. For six months, often while under fire, they captured the lives of the young soldiers fighting the Taliban in a hostile and confusing environment, where official rhetoric about helping civilians too often met the unforgiving reality of being a foreign occupier. Winner of the Critics' Week Grand Prix at Cannes, Armadillo is one of the most dramatic and candid accounts of combat to come out of Afghanistan.

Women

NOLA: MLNH 010108
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/12/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:57

Remembering Betty Ford, Who Broke the Mold for First Lady's Role: One of the nation's most-admired first ladies, Betty Ford, died Friday at her home in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at the age of 93. Gwen Ifill introduces an excerpt of a documentary that examined the life, work, struggles and advocacy of President Gerald Ford's wife.

NOLA: HIDE 000905
Series Title: History Detectives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/19/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Could this propeller be from a World War II drone, the prototype for the assault drones the U.S. uses today in Afghanistan and Iraq? This inscribed, wooden club appears to be a gift to Teddy Roosevelt. Who gave him this club, and why? If Clara Barton wrote this letter, why was she concerned about the life of the soldier she mentions?

NOLA: HIDE 000908
Series Title: History Detectives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/30/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Did the first woman photographer assigned to the White House use this camera to shoot President Truman? Then, did families of the Confederate South use a child's doll to smuggle medicine past the Northern blockade? And, what does this 15th century map, with a mix of French, English and Spanish labels, tell us about how Europe colonized Florida?

Youth

NOLA: MLNH 010108
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/12/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:04:27

Colorado Kids Act as Citizen Scientists in National Lady Bug Hunt: Some Colorado kids have become citizen scientists as part of a nationwide effort to catalog lady bug species. Cornell University scientists are trying to understand why some species have vanished and others have appeared. Correspondent Tom Bearden reports on the lady bug hunt that might help students discover careers in science.

NOLA: NETK 000164
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/29/2011 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

What happens when autistic children become adults and leave the educational system that provides them with the services they need? This week on Need to Know, we explore the systemic challenges that face autistic adults in the U.S. Autism advocate Peter Bell discusses what advocacy groups are trying to do to meet the ongoing needs of adults with autism.

Also: We report on food safety and choking incidents among children, and guest essayist Tricia Rose discusses how wealth distribution and inequality in America will define the nation in the years to come.

And: We re-air a popular segment on how the U.S. has fallen behind in the race to the Internet future.